

REMARKS

Claims 5, 11, and 13-15 were held restrictable by the Examiner in the parent application. Note the Interview Summary of October 10, 2003.

Claims 16-18 were restricted from the allowed claims in an Office Action of November 21, 2002. Claim 18 has been amended to parallel amendments to method claim 13.

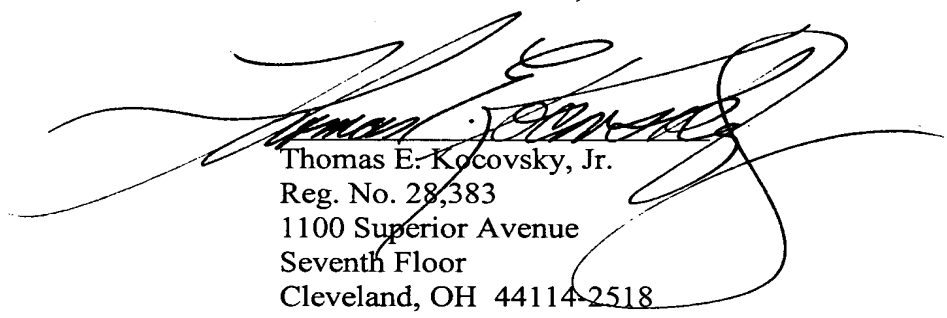
Method claim 13 and means plus function apparatus claim 18 parallel each other in such a manner that restriction between them is improper.

New claims 19-28 have been added. These claims parallel allowed method claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12 of the parent application, but are presented in means plus function format.

An early allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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